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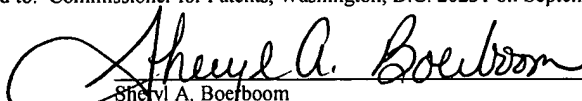
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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	HILGREN ET AL.	Examiner:	J. PAK
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Title:	METHOD AND COMPOSITION FOR INHIBITION OF MICROBIAL GROWTH IN AQUEOUS FOOD TRANSPORT AND PROCESS STREAMS		

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In Response to the Office Action dated June 5, 2002, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following Amendment and consideration of the following remarks.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 3, 6, and 8 as follows

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1. (Amended) An antimicrobial concentrate composition comprising:
a combination of peroxyacetic acid and peroxyoctanoic acid effective for killing on the surface of a fruit or vegetable pathogenic microorganism comprising *Escherichia coli* O157:H7, *Listeria monocytogenes*, *Salmonella javiana*, or mixture thereof;
the combination comprising about 35 to about 45 weight-% acetic acid, about 5 to about 15 weight-% octanoic acid, about 3 to about 8 weight-% hydrogen peroxide, about 8 to about 16 weight-% peroxyacetic acid, about 1 to about 5 weight-% peroxyoctanoic acid, and about 0.1 to about 2 weight-% chelating agent.